

## A TRUE DISCOURSE OF an ouerthrow given to the armie of the Leaguers in Province:

By Messieurs D'Esdiguieres and Lauallette.

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to be carelesse of his chosen people, that he may bee glorified in his woonderfull workes, by bringing them which trust to much in humain strength into the consideration of his bulpeakeable power, who take the pleasure in furength of men, but scattereth the great hosts and squadrous of such as arme themselves contrarie to his will, even as chasse before the winde, and in the twinching of an eye (as it were) dooth so abate their pride, that by the hand of a few of his people he bringeth them to nought, making them equal with the dust, and leaving them as a preie to be devoured of moolves, and such lyke ravenous beasts.

The enemies had great confidence in the king of Spaine (now called out of this worlde to render an account before the four-raign Monarch, of the manifold extorsions and notorious exuelties committed by him) who assured these lues that he would send so many men of warre into all partes of fraunce (as he hath done, though in vaine) that in shorte time he might vanquish and subdue the king and gaine his Crowne. For the same cause, byon the death of this Acchetyant king, the duke of Sauoy is gone into Spaine, and hath given over the enterpies he purposed against the towns of Marseilles, which by sundre waies and meanes he had prace

tiled with divers of the inhabitants inho received into their town some stone of come causing such men as they suspected and mould not be conformable to their wils, to forfake the town, which things they had done by to much the moze will lingly as they fuffered the to flip eaflie into the nets of their rebellion. Come of their stone accord, Come others by o helve and affiftance of a puiffant armie of the Spaniards, Sa moiens, and Pronincials which marched within the countrey buder the conduct of the Count Martinega, of Monfieur de Vitelli Colonel of the Duke of Sauoieshorfemen leaguers, and of Monf. S. Romani general of the footmen who knows ing that Melsieurs D'Eldignieres and Lauallene, were infined on that fibe which Riez lieth on, and that Monf. Lauallene was departed for the same intent from Cifteron the 13 Days of Aprill having cauled certaine peeces of orbinaunce to bee brought with their troopes, and feing likewife of they might greatly hinder their entervalles, resolved to approch neare buto them not so much to proude them to a battle, in that they were foure to one as thinking to keepe them at a bave. and to caute them to retire. But they could not bee immorant bauing had to great proofe of the wife conduct, lingular watchfulnes, and profeerous fuccesse of this valiant Cave tain Monf. D'Eldiguieres, who being afted by the benterous champion Seigneur Lauallette, and armed with a infl cause in Defence of their king and frate, not fearing the great nums ber of the enemies, whome with courage and resolution he baliauntly charged to oft as there was occation, as maye more enibently appeare by this biscourse enfuing.

Sparron is a village and a castell in Progince, about sque leagues from Aix, the Lord whereof in times past held him selse newter, taking neither partie: neverthelesse hee entertayned in his Castell the Lord governour of the partie royall and his troupe. A great number of the Sauvien holes

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men to to todacia the fame billace of Sparron, Rom Mefeurs D'Eldiguieres and Lauslieue receiung adnertifement of menemies being there, without delay they marched this her also with their forces, and on monday in Cafter weke anothers of the fame moneth and affaile them mith such ber and resolution that in a Cort space recovering the best muantage, they game them an biter ougethrows they tooke Enligns, foure Cornets from the horfemen, 500 horfes phote owners lap dead in the place, a about 250 gentlement nd mounted increcaried away prisoners by a composition nade at the fame time in the billage. The Seigneur of Vicelly, ollonell of the duke of Sauvies horfemen leaguers, and Monf. S. Romani, generall of the chemies footmen Did peelde pantelues priloners also. The frenchmen of Promince wer int home to their houses by the faid Loades D'Esdiguieres Lauallette with each one a white flick in his hand. Afore hen 500 Sauviens were feut to Tollon to Monf, Lauallette his fallies, therein requiting the buke of Sauoy with fuch meaare as behad meated boto some of b kings troups before. the most part of the forts astrong holds of Province, where of the rebels had commaundement, hearing of to great an merthrow to be given their ade, are reduced a brought buathe kings obedience excepting only the citic of Aix which faid Lords have with al diligence environed a blocked in

The Count Martinenga who had the leading of 800 Horses man perceiving that there was nothing to be gayned but blowes, a that the laid Lords a their troups spaced not to keep on loade, resoluted therefore to trust to their legges and what themselves by slight with 300 horse which were ally ould escape from that encounter: the rest were all either layne or taken: a our souldiers a men of war, besides many riche prisoners, got in this consiste about 350 horses of knice, there were also thirtye Laptaynes taken besides be two commanders. Monst Lavalene hath armed two palleys at Tollon; a these two noble Lords prosecuting their whalleys at Tollon; a these two noble Lords prosecuting their whalle victory have wonne p towns of Digne and Lines, and tis said that Mouglon is now in parte to render who the ling and to lake off the rebellious yoke.

Thus we fee that humaine forces withfranding the old naunces of Bod are in a moment overwhelmed.

The King of Spaine is Dead, who mag the greatest from ter of the league, a the rebellion in fraunce. The Leaguers have loft a puiffant armie of Spaniards, Sauviens, and other francers in Province, which is now 500 be thanked almost all subdued. Italy is disburdened sundaye wates, by the death of this tyzant. The king on the other fide is prouis Dent in his affaires, which the Lord both Daily prosper with his beauenly bleffing. Mozeover there are two regiments of V Vallons Defeated in Picardy. God exerciseth his inflice more and more byon his entimies, feeing that the clemende of the Drince whome bee hath given buto be ferueth to no purpose to bring them to reason, and that now at this infrant they are to flubborne, that buder the Duke of Maines authoritie, they will at a certaine day of the moneth haue a convention of all their partifans rebels in the town of Reins there to hold an affembly of effates to confult of the affairs of the league, which are in a pittifull taking boon the bucp pected Death of the king of Spaine, which is so prejudiciall to their rebellious faction.

Mounsieur de Nemours to counterpoise a matter so wot the of regard by the rebels in Province, a thinking to mende by that which was to tome on their libe, being at Lions & little after this overtheor given, fent into Daulphine three or four hundred horse, carrieng with them good store of ladders and Detarts, and having paffed the Lifer towards la Roche, and leauing their horfes on this fide, marched a league on foot being armed, and would have planted their ladders, and quen a fkalado to Valence, but they came not within mulquet hot thereof: for returning in half beeing purfued, they left 37 ladders in a barne, within a quarter of to make a league of Valence. They had to ill fucceffe through their

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to returne againe without boing any feruice.

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The Leaguers being but a few which could escape at the ouer throw of Sparron have tente to seeke their maister the duke of Sauoy in Spaine, and are in great perplexitie because they heare no newes of his Excellencie. He hath lost more by his departure than he shall gaine at his returne.

with it pleafeth him to endue the king and his affairs to recomfort in the end his good subjects so much oppressed, and almost burnt as it were with the fire of civil wars, kindled by the rebels, who go about to continue it: how beit the king of compassion by on the poore a miserable estate of his subjects, more than of desire to establish himselfe in that which appertaineth buto him, both ensore himselfe by all meanes and chiefly by his midnesse, mercisulaese and clemencie towardes the banquished rebels, to quenche and put out wholy this sire which they lought to entertaine, where

by his people and commonwealth might flozish

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